

STATE FAIR BUT THREE WEEKS OFF

Richmond Day Fixed for Wednesday, October 7th, and Schools Will Close.

TO BE A GENERAL HOLIDAY

Entries in Every Department Coming in Daily—Some Big Features.

Entries are coming in by the score for the Virginia State Fair, the fact that the opening day is but three weeks off producing great activity all along the line.

Never were the prospects better for a highly successful exhibition. The arrangements were commenced early, and so much was accomplished in the past three months that ample attention can now be given to the minor details. A fine exhibit in each department is assured, and that is now necessary is to put on the finishing touches.

Thousands of copies of the premium list were distributed over two months ago, and still there is no abatement in the demand. This is undoubtedly the result of the sending of personal letters to several thousand progressive farmers and prominent business men of the State, soliciting their interest and influence in the fair. Those who had not received premium lists were requested to write for them, and also send the names of several neighbors to whose attention the fair and the premiums offered could be brought. The notices also, which the fair has received in the horse papers and leading agricultural journals of the country have stimulated many inquiries. These have been courteously answered by General Manager Mark R. Lloyd, who has also been called upon to explain many features of the premium list, although everything that need be known by intending exhibitors is set forth explicitly in the rules and regulations.

There are many special features that are attracting attention, but none more so than tobacco. The crop that has just been harvested is of splendid quality, and the growers are anxious to show what can be produced in Virginia. From colonial times Virginia has enjoyed the reputation of being a great tobacco country, and it will certainly add to the lustre of the name when the samples are displayed for the inspection of the visitors to the Virginia State Fair. A number of buyers are expected to be in the field, and they will scrutinize closely all the specimens of tobacco on exhibition. The premiums for tobacco amount to \$300. They range from \$5 to \$30, there being a number of first premiums of the latter amount, and all are offered for tobacco grown in the year.

Thoroughbred cattle. All breeds of fine cattle will be represented that are mentioned in the premium list, that is: Shorthorn, Hereford, Aberdeen-Angus, Red Polled, Holstein-Friesian, Ayrshire, Jersey, Guernsey, Dutch Belted, Galloway, Brown Swiss, Virginia beef breeds and Virginia dairy cattle. But some very fine cattle of breeds not among the foregoing will be sent on exhibition. The owners, some of whom expect to dispose of them at private sale, while others intend to take advantage of the public auctions that will be conducted among the live-stock pavilions on Friday, October 9th, which has been given the name of "Stock Sales Day."

From the White Mountain section of New Hampshire, dated at Lacombe, in the "Old Granite State," came a letter yesterday from Mrs. F. L. Grace, stating that she will ship a herd of Scotch Highland cattle to the Virginia State Fair, and also a herd of French-Canadian cattle. Mr. Grace will go to a great expense to get these cattle here, and it will be the first exhibition of these breeds south of Mason and Dixon's line. It is said that the cattle of both breeds are exceedingly hardy, and will thrive in any climate. They are especially adapted to grazing lands, and will succeed wherever sheep and goats flourish. It is believed that they will be found to be particularly well adapted to the mountainous sections of the State, and especially to the counties traversed by the Alleghenies and their outlying spurs.

Naturally, these cattle from the North are valuable dairy animals, and they will be sent to the fair just at the time when the subject of dairying is being much agitated. Dairymen like the Hon. Westmoreland Davis, of Loudoun county, have found out what money-making propositions Guernsey cows are in furnishing rich

Special Notice To Fat People



"Now, My Dear Madam"

"I am giving you here the only prescription known that will safely, surely and quickly reduce your fat to normal," said Dr. Jones to his fat-addicted patient. "Besides, it will at the same time greatly build up your muscular strength and general health."

"Go to the drug store, get a package of Rengo. You eat it like fruit or candy, and easily and safely reduce your fat a pound a day. Rengo requires no exhausting exercises or starvation dieting to help it out. It is a fat-burning fat remedy. You can go right ahead and attend to your regular daily duties. It compels proper assimilation of the food and sends the food nutrient into the muscles, bones and nerves, and builds them up instead of piling it up in the form of excess fat."

There is nothing "just as good" as Rengo. For sale by all druggists at \$1.00 per full-sized box, or by mail, ordered by Rengo Co., 322 Reno Bldg., Detroit, Mich. The company will gladly send you a 50c package free by mail if you will write them direct in Detroit, and enclose the as in evidence of good faith and to help pay postage and packing; no free packages at drug stores.

Rengo is for sale and recommended in Richmond by Owens & Minor Drug Co., 1007 East Main Street, Peoples Drug Co., 350 Williams Avenue, Fulton; C. W. Eaton, Twenty-sixth and Q Streets, and Tragle Drug Co., 817 East Broad Street.

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milk to Washington, Baltimore, and other cities, and the success of such pioneers in the business is stimulating others. The fine premiums offered in the special dairy section have not only attracted general attention, but have aroused very favorable comments. There are several of \$50 each for cows over three years old, and under three years, giving the highest net per cent. of total butter fat, according to the Babcock test, and the second and third premiums are \$30 and \$20, respectively.

J. In the Domestic Section.

More inquiries have been received at the State Fair office, No. 505 East Main Street, in regard to the domestic department than to any other. If the premium list is carefully studied there can be no mistake. The most uncertainty seems to be as to when articles of culinary skill and pieces of fancy work, lace, embroidery, etc., must be delivered at the fair, and whether they will be called for or can be sent to the central office. The Women's Building, on the Fair Grounds will be open for the receiving of entries on Friday, October 24, and the exhibits must positively be in the hands of the director of the domestic department not later than 6 o'clock P. M. on that day. They will be received on Friday, but will be received, as a matter of convenience, at the Main Street office, if they have been properly entered and have the cards attached. Perishable articles, such as bread, will be taken to the fair until Tuesday, October 6th, the second day, but must be in place before 10 A. M., as the judging will commence at that hour. Competition in all classes of this department is limited to Virginia residents, and the articles must be the handwork of the exhibitors, professionals being barred, except where otherwise stated in the premium list. Articles may be forwarded by express or freight, addressed to General Manager Lloyd, Richmond, Va.

The necessity of making entries early cannot be too strongly stated. Every exhibit must be properly classified and recorded in the books, and the entry cards made out and forwarded to the party making the entry. This requires time, and if left until the last moment results in more or less confusion. The dates on which the entries close are as follows:

Of horses, cattle, sheep and swine, on Monday, September 21st.
Poultry, domestic, fancy work, art, etc., Wednesday, September 23d.
Farm products, horticultural prod-

ucts, plants and flowers, on Friday, September 25th.
Dairy products, implements and machinery, on Monday, September 28th.
Homecoming Week.

It is the current opinion that the time of the Virginia State Fair, October 5th to the 10th, should be observed as the "Homecoming Week," when former Richmonders and all other Virginians by birth, who may have been separated from the old Commonwealth and the homes of their childhood, may return and renew the acquaintanceship and friendships of former years. Hence the opening day of the fair, Monday, October 5th, has been designated as "Homecoming Day."

Tuesday, October 6th, will be observed as special exhibits' day, which time all exhibits will have been arranged ready for the judges, and when the visitors to the fair will have the advantage of seeing everything in its freshest condition.

Wednesday, October 7th, will be Richmond Day, when it is expected that there will be a general holiday throughout the city, and all manufacturers and business men will give their employees an opportunity to visit the fair. Mayor Richardson will be requested to issue a proclamation to that effect, and in lieu of the merchants being asked to decorate their establishments in honor of the occasion, they will be urged to help in the fulfillment of all expectations of a never-to-be-forgotten Richmond Day by suspending business operations for the time being. In order that they and their employees can take in the scenes and incidents of what promises to be the most successful agricultural exhibition in Virginia's history.

Farmers' Day. Thursday, October 8th, will be honored as Farmers' Day, when Virginia's energetic farmers and sturdy yeomen will have full sway at the State Fair, and there will be a special program for their entertainment. The agriculturist has been blessed with beautiful crops this year, and can well afford to take this day at the fair and have one good spell of enjoyment as a reward for industrious toil of the past year.

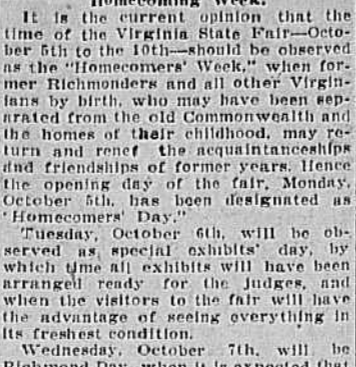
Friday, October 9th, has been named "stock sales" day, when there will be sales of horses and cattle. Some of the most experienced live stock auctioneers in the United States have been engaged by the Fair Association. It will be worth a visit to the fair to see how these men will conduct their sales; how they will call attention to the merits of the animals offered and show their strong points, and how they will dispose of many head in an incredibly short time. These sales will also enable Virginians to secure thoroughbred cattle for the improvement of their herds.

Saturday, October 10th, will be automobile day, when there will be a series of most interesting trials of speed and endurance contests between the most celebrated makes of automobiles and motorcycles. Particulars of the different events have been already published. The entries will close at midnight on Monday, October 5th.

In regard to Richmond Day, it should be stated that the City School Board will be asked to suspend the public schools on Richmond Day, so that all the school children of the city will have the opportunity of participating in the pleasures of the day. A special program will be arranged for the children's enjoyment, and all the free attractions will do double "stunts."

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Will Do Anything to Get It.

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Finally, after taking a circuitous route through alleys, he arrives at the jobber's place, and the king, who takes any of the dope away with him. That would be too dangerous, both for him and the merchant. It is delivered later at a place he names by a "go-between."

The "go-between," of course, knows the vendor, and simply walks by him on the street, quickly hands over the goods and is gone. An ounce of cocaine, which is as much as a dealer can handle at one time, makes a very small package and can be hidden in the palm of the hand. It is an easy matter for the "go-between" to stop, apparently shake hands, deliver the goods and pass on. However, there are different methods of delivering.

Delivered in the Street.

An acknowledged vendor, who was convicted and is now in the penitentiary, said that often he had received the stuff on the street in rough packages in large boxes. This was done to avoid suspicion.

The "go-between" would pass him and hand over the bundle, remarking: "Here's that coat I promised you," or something else equally as frivolous, whereupon the buyer would take the bundle, thank him and make his way to some dive to divide the "cake" into a sufficient number of "charges" to net him an enormous profit. Selling the "charges" is easy. When the dealers of the sums get wind of the fact that there is dope on the market, there is soon a ready sale for it, and the vendor has more customers than he is able to supply. He never stays in one place long. He moves about, selling on the street, in the rear of negro bars and dives, and in alleys. He never does him any good, for no sooner has he disposed of the stuff than he is off to a negro gaming joint, where sooner or later he is again penniless.



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These dealers are invariably caught in the net of some heavy "dope" up," who is possibly arrested for a minor offense, will "blow" on them, or through sniffling the article themselves, fall into the hands of the police with the goods on them.

One at least in the penitentiary now, a score or more are in jail, while some are awaiting the next term of the grand jury.

Once Cornered Market. That the vendor takes great risks is not to be wondered at, when one considers the enormous profit in the business. Dope received by the king costs him \$2 an ounce. For this the vendor must pay \$7. Sometimes when a certain king gets a "corner" the price goes up. One convicted vendor acknowledged that he had paid as high as \$14 an ounce for it.

At that he does not lose anything. An ounce of cocaine can be divided into more than 100 charges. Each charge is sold for 25 cents, sometimes more. It depends upon the state of the market. Dealers have stated to the police that often between \$30 and \$40 is realized on an ounce. Those who deal in the drug are, of course, ignorant when out selling their live by gambling with drunken companions or by fleecing a few pennies from the pockets of dope fiends too far "charged up" to resent it. They will stop at nothing from stealing the smallest article to knocking a man in the head, and the average citizen is not safe in their haunts unless protected by an officer. They are a pest and a menace to society, and the good work already accomplished by the police department in reducing the commodity of them is much to be commended. Before the crusade ends not many jobbers or street dealers will remain.

CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL DAYS

Vacation Season Ends—Real Work of Fall Session to Begin This Week.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Indications Point to Larger Enrollment Than Ever Before. The Schedule.

Vacation season for the teachers and pupils of the city schools ends today. The first work of the session begins tomorrow morning, and the term proper opens with the regular duties next Thursday. The teachers, who have been spending their holidays in Europe and various parts of the United States, are fresh for work. Many new teachers are coming with the highest recommendations. The indications are that the session will be one of the most prosperous on record. The number of pupils will be far greater than last year, and the cry is for more commodious quarters in all parts of the city.

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock the white teachers will meet in Central School; at 12 o'clock the colored teachers will convene at the Normal School. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the principals will meet in the superintendent's office in the City Hall. The purpose of these meetings is to give assignments and to make systematic arrangements for the opening of the session. The meetings will be addressed by Chairman Charles Hutzler, Dr. M. D. Hoge, and others.

Register Pupils Tuesday.

At the several buildings throughout the city the schools will open for the registration of old pupils Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. At the same time on Wednesday new pupils will be enrolled. Thursday morning the session's work will begin in earnest.

During the vacation season, besides making a good start with the new High School building, much has been done in the way of repairing the buildings and making room for the influx of children. Buildings otherwise closed, and is now much more commodious. It will be ready for the opening. At Chalmers the large assembly room has been converted into two school rooms, with a connecting door between them, so that at any time they can be turned into an assembly hall. This will enable the school to accommodate an increased number of children, and will not materially affect the seating capacity of the building. It is expected that the new High School will be ready for occupancy by the opening of next session. In the meantime the old building will be used as heretofore, with other rooms available for the same purpose.

Making Good.

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